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Superintendent Search is Continuing

The Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee has decided to consider four finalists for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

- [Mary Beth Banios](#), Superintendent of Schools for the Windsor Central Supervisory Union in Woodstock, VT. Ms. Banios has served in this role since 2017. Prior, she was the Assistant Superintendent of the Shrewsbury Schools in Shrewsbury, MA. She also worked as an Assistant Superintendent in Maynard, MA. She has been a principal in the Harvard, MA and Shrewsbury, MA public schools, while starting her career as a teacher in Beverly, MA.
- [Phillip Conrad](#), Principal of Andover High School. Mr. Conrad has served in this role since 2015. Prior, he was the Principal of Rockport High School. Mr. Conrad also worked for the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District from 1997-2010 as an Assistant Principal for both the Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School and the Miles River Middle School, and as a teacher and chair of the Fine Arts Department.
- [Julie Kukenberger](#), Interim Superintendent for the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District. Dr. Kukenberger has served in this role since July 2019. Prior, she was the Superintendent for the schools in Scarborough, ME. She also worked as the Assistant Superintendent for the Haverhill School District, and as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction at the North Hanover Townsend School District in New Jersey. She started her career at the McGuire Air Force Base as a classroom teacher and then as a principal.
- [Daniel Richards](#), Principal of Georgetown High School. Mr. Richards has served in this role since 2018. Prior, he worked at Belmont High School as the Principal and Vice Principal. He also served as Principal at Melrose High School, and Assistant Principal at Peabody High School. He started his career as a business teacher in the Newton Public Schools.

The School Committee is finalizing a schedule for the community to interact with the candidates. Due to increased concerns about the COVID-19 virus and the recommendations for social distancing, these meetings will be held via the online ZOOM meetings application.

The meetings for the community will be held from 4:30-5:30PM as follows:

- Wednesday, March 18 ~ Mary Beth Banios
- Thursday, March 19 ~ Julie Kukenberger

- Monday, March 23 ~ Phil Conrad
- Tuesday, March 24 ~ Dan Richards

If you plan to participate, download the [Zoom.com](https://zoom.us) application now. The option to download will also be available at the start of the meeting. When opening the Zoom App, select "Join Meeting" in the upper right corner and enter the **meeting id: 978-468-5310**. The community should ask questions via the "chat" function within the Zoom application. The moderator will relay your questions to each candidate. During the Zoom meeting, participants will be given instructions on how to provide their feedback on each candidate to the school committee.

The Committee will also interview each candidate during this same time period. Exact dates and times are available on our posted agendas on the District Calendar at HWSchools.net. Unfortunately, we must limit the in-person conversations to just the Committee members. However, for the benefit of all, the interviews will be available on our local cable channel, HWCam and HWCam.org, for review once the final interview has been completed.

Please know these are extraordinary times and we are committed to continuing this important function so the District has a Superintendent in place by July 1, 2020.